

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: US-USSR Cooperation in the
Exploration of Space.

In response to National Security Action Memorandum 129, the enclosed draft letter from you to Chairman Khrushchev has been prepared in coordination with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, your Special Assistant for Science and Technology, the Acting Executive Secretary of the National Aeronautics and Space Council, and the Department of Defense.

The draft letter advances a range of specific proposals as promised in your letter of February 22, in a manner designed to facilitate a positive Soviet response.

If you approve this proposed letter, we would plan to deliver it promptly through the Soviet Embassy here, without publicity for a sufficient period of time to allow for a serious Soviet reply. We would, however, inform a few interested countries confidentially of this action.

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Enclosure:

Proposed letter to Khrushchev

*The attached seems
to me an excellent
start. RR*

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